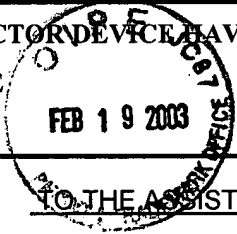


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 18 November 2002, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same
claim numbers.

2. (Amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device, comprising:

forming a conductive region at the top of a semiconductor substrate;

forming a first interlayer dielectric layer on the semiconductor substrate over
the entirety of the conductive region;